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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: FRANCO/CHAIDNA RELATIONS IN WAKE OF CLAUSTRE  
AFFAIR; OPERATIONS AGAINST REBELS WIND DOWN

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1. NEARLY TWO WEEKS AFTER RELEASE CLAUSTRES TO LIBYAN AUTHORITIES, AND CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY IN FRENCH AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, THERE STILL HAS BEEN NO WORD PUBLISHED OR BROADCAST ON SUBJECT IN CHAD.
  2. FRENCH EMBASSY STATES THAT THEY HAVE HAD NO SENIOR POLITICAL CONTACT WITH GOC FOR PAST THREE WEEKS. PRESIDENT MALLOUM HAS MADE NO RESPONSE TO EXPLANATORY LETTER OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING.
  3. ROUTINE GOF/GOC RELATIONS CONTINUE NORMALLY, ACCORDING FRENCH EMBASSY. ANNUAL MEETING TO DISCUSS GOF ASSISTANCE TO CHAD SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, PROBABLY IN PARIS. GOC HAS NOT YET MADE ANY SPECIFIC DEMANDS, BEYOND EXPRESSION DESIRE OBTAIN GOF TREASURY ADVANCE CFA THREE BILLION. FRENCH EMBASSY STATES TREASURY ADVANCE POSSIBLE, BUT SUCH ADVANCE IF APPROVED
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PARIS NOT EXPTECTED TO EVEN APPROACH SUM GOC SEEKS.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER (AND MILITARY OPERATIONS COORDINATOR) KAMOUGUE AND OTHER MEMBERS SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL HAVE RETURNED TO N'DJAMENA FROM NORTH. WHILE HARD INFORMATION DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN, CONSENSUS (SHARED BY FRENCH EMBASSY) IS THAT HISSEN HABRE-LED REBEL BAND IN AREA NORTH OF ATI-ABECHE

LINE HAS BEEN NEUTRALIZED FOR MOMENT WITH REBELS SPLITTING INTO SMALL GROUPS WHICH HAVE FADED INTO BUSH TO AVOID GOC PURSUIT. HABRE HAS DEMONSTRATED REMARKABLE RESILIENCE IN PART, HOWEVER, AND GIVEN SUFFICIENT BREATHING TIME MAY WELL BE CAPABLE OF MOUNTING OFFENSIVE ACTIONS IN FUTURE.

5. SOVIET EMBOFF CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT PRESIDENT MALLOUM AND GOC MILITARY WISHED EMPLOY SOVIET EQUIPMENT, SPECIFICALLY ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, AGAINST REBELS IN RECENT CAMPAIGN BUT THAT SOVIET EMBASSY REFUSED AUTHORIZATION. SOVIET EMBOFF ALLEGED REASON FOR REFUSAL WAS SOVIET POLICY THAT SOVIET EQUIPMENT BE USED FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE AND "NOT FOR CIVIL WAR," OTHER, POSSIBLY MORE ACCURATE REPORTS, INDICATE THAT SOVIET CONSIDER EQUIPMENT UNLIKELY PERFORM SATISFACTORILY GIVEN LIMITED EXPERIENCE GOC MILITARY AND THAT SOVIETS UNWILLING PERMIT SOVIET TECHNICIANS BECOME INVOLVED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.  
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